# Problem Set 4

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- **3.3** Classify all the singular points (finite and infinite) of the following differential equations:
  - (a) x(1-x)y'' + [c-(a+b+1)x]y' aby = 0 (hypergeometric equation)

Rewriting the equation in standard form, we get:

$$y'' + \frac{c - (a+b+1)x}{x(1-x)}y' - \frac{ab}{x(1-x)}y = 0$$

Thus we have  $p(x) = \frac{c - (a + b + 1)x}{x(1 - x)}$  and  $q(x) = \frac{ab}{x(1 - x)}$ . The singular points occur when p(x) and q(x) are undefined, i.e. when x = 0 and x = 1. To examine the behavior at  $x = \infty$ , we substitute  $z = \frac{1}{x}$  and analyze the behavior of the equation as  $z \to 0$ . We get  $\infty$  also as a singular point. These are all regular singular points since  $(x - x_0)p(x)$  and  $(x - x_0)^2q(x)$  are analytic at x = 0, x = 1. For  $\infty$  we check for xp(x) and  $x^2q(x)$  to be finite. This is the case and thus  $\infty$  is also a regular singular point.

(b) xy'' + (b-x)y' - ay = 0 (Kummers confluent hypergeometric equation) Solution:

In standard form we can write this as:

$$y'' + \frac{b-x}{x}y' - \frac{a}{x}y = 0$$

Thus we have  $p(x) = \frac{b-x}{x}$  and  $q(x) = -\frac{a}{x}$ . The singular points occur when p(x) and q(x) are undefined, i.e. when x=0. Here again this is a regular singular point since  $(x-x_0)p(x)$  and  $(x-x_0)^2q(x)$  are analytic at x=0. For  $\infty$  we check for xp(x) and  $x^2q(x)$  to be finite. This is the case and thus  $\infty$  is also a regular singular point. For the infinite singular points, we have  $x=\infty$ . As  $x\to\infty$ , we have  $p(x)\to -1$  and  $q(x)\to 0$ . Multiplying p(x) with x, we get  $xp(x)=b-x\to -\infty$ . Thus  $x=\infty$  is an irregular singular point.

**3.6.** Find the Taylor series about x=0 of the solution to the initial-value problems:

(a) 
$$y'' - 2xy' + 8y = 0$$
,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 4$ .

First, we will assume a power series representation of each of our terms Assume y(x) can be expressed as a power series centered at x = 0:

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n.$$

Similarly, the derivatives are:

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1}, \quad y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}.$$

Substituting the series expressions:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2} - 2x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1} + 8 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0.$$

Simplifying each of the terms, we get:

- First term (y''): Re-indexing to match powers of x, let k = n - 2:

$$y'' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+2)(k+1)a_{k+2}x^k.$$

- Second term (-2xy'):

$$-2xy' = -2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^n = -2\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)a_{k+1}x^k.$$

- Third term (8y):

$$8y = 8\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n.$$

Aligning all series to powers of  $x^k$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ (k+2)(k+1)a_{k+2} - 2(k+1)a_{k+1} + 8a_k \right] x^k = 0.$$

Since this equation must hold for all x, the coefficients of each  $x^k$  must be zero:

$$(k+2)(k+1)a_{k+2} + (8-2k)a_k = 0.$$

Solving for  $a_{k+2}$ :

$$a_{k+2} = \frac{2(k-4)}{(k+2)(k+1)} a_k.$$

Now, applying the initial conditions, we get:

$$y(0) = a_0 = 0, \quad y'(0) = a_1 = 4.$$

Calculating the coefficients  $a_n$  recursively we get:

$$a_2 = 0,$$

$$a_3 = -4,$$

$$a_4 = 0,$$

$$a_5 = \frac{2}{5},$$

$$a_6 = 0,$$

$$a_7 = \frac{1}{10},$$

$$a_8 = 0,$$

$$a_9 = \frac{1}{30}.$$

Using the computed coefficients, the Taylor series solution is:

$$y(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + a_6 x^6 + a_7 x^7 + a_8 x^8 + a_9 x^9 + \dots$$

Substituting values:

$$y(x) = 4x - 4x^3 + \frac{2}{5}x^5 + \frac{1}{10}x^7 + \frac{1}{30}x^9 + \dots$$

This can be written in terms of the confluent hypergeometric function M(a,b,x):

$$y(x) = 4x \cdot M\left(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, x^2\right).$$

Finally, we verify the solution with the initial conditions: - At x = 0:

$$y(0) = 0.$$

- Derivative at x = 0:

$$y'(x) = 4 - 12x^2 + \dots, \quad y'(0) = 4.$$

Thus, the solution satisfies the initial conditions y(0) = 0 and y'(0) = 4.

3.8. How many terms in the Taylor series solution to

$$y''' = x^3y$$
,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y''(0) = 0$ 

are needed to evaluate  $\int_0^1 y(x)dx$  correct to three decimal places?

### **Solution:**

We first start by finding the Taylor series solution to the differential equation like how we did so in the previous problem: Given the differential equation:

$$y''' = x^3y$$
,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  $y''(0) = 0$ 

we assume a power series solution centered at x = 0:

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

Using the initial conditions:

$$y(0) = a_0 = 1$$
,  $y'(0) = a_1 = 0$ ,  $y''(0) = 2!a_2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = 0$ 

we need to find a recurrence relation for the coefficients  $a_n$ . Differentiating y(x) and substituting into the differential equation gives:

$$y''' = x^{3}y$$

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n(n-1)(n-2)a_{n}x^{n-3} = x^{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n}x^{n}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+3)(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+3}x^{n} = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} a_{n-3}x^{n}$$

By equating the coefficients of like powers of  $x^n$ , we obtain the recurrence relation:

$$(n+3)(n+2)(n+1)a_{n+3} = a_n \Rightarrow a_{n+3} = \frac{a_n}{(n+3)(n+2)(n+1)}$$

Using this recurrence relation and the initial coefficients, we find:

$$a_3 = \frac{a_0}{6} = \frac{1}{6}, \quad a_6 = \frac{a_3}{120} = \frac{1}{720}, \quad a_9 = \frac{a_6}{504} = \frac{1}{362880}$$

$$a_{3k} = \frac{1}{(3k)!} \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus, the Taylor series solution is:

$$y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3k}}{(3k)!}$$

Now we can integrate y(x):

$$\int_0^1 y(x) \, dx = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \int_0^1 \frac{x^{3k}}{(3k)!} \, dx = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{1}{(3k)!} \cdot \frac{1}{3k+1}$$

Now, we will compute the partial sums up to a certain number of terms and estimate the remainder to ensure the error is less than 0.0005 (for three-decimal-place accuracy).

$$k = 0: \quad \frac{1}{(0)!} \cdot \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$k = 1: \quad \frac{1}{(3)!} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{24} \approx 0.0416667$$

$$k = 2: \quad \frac{1}{(6)!} \cdot \frac{1}{7} = \frac{1}{720} \cdot \frac{1}{7} \approx 0.0001984$$

this gives us the partial sum:

$$S = 1 + 0.0416667 + 0.0001984 = 1.0418651$$

Next term 
$$\approx \frac{1}{(9)!} \cdot \frac{1}{10} \approx \frac{1}{362880} \cdot \frac{1}{10} \approx 2.7557 \times 10^{-7}$$

The next term is much smaller than 0.0005, so the error introduced by truncating after k=2 is acceptable for three-decimal-place accuracy.

**3.24.** Find series expansions of all the solutions to the following differential equations about x = 0. Try to sum in closed form any infinite series that appear.

(a) 
$$2xy'' - y' + x^2y = 0$$
  
Solution:

Once again, (almost way too often) we start by assuming a power series solution of the form:

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

Our goal is to determine the coefficients  $a_n$ .

First we will get the power series for derivatives of y(x):

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}$$

Substitute y(x), y'(x), and y''(x) into the differential equation:

$$2xy'' - y' + x^2y = 0$$

Substituting the series expressions:

$$2x\left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}\right) - \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1}\right) + x^2\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n\right) = 0$$

Now we will simplify each term

1. First Term (2xy''):

$$2x\left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}\right) = 2\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-1}$$

2. Second Term (-y'):

$$-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n x^{n-1}$$

3. Third Term  $(x^2y)$ :

$$x^2 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+2}$$

To combine like terms, adjust indices so that all sums are in powers of  $x^k$ :

- First Term: Let k = n - 1:

$$2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1)ka_{k+1}x^k$$

- Second Term: Let k = n - 1:

$$-\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)a_{k+1}x^k$$

- Third Term: Let k = n + 2, so n = k - 2:

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k-2} x^k$$

Combine the adjusted sums:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ 2(k+1)ka_{k+1} - (k+1)a_{k+1} + a_{k-2} \right] x^k = 0$$

Simplify the coefficient:

$$2(k+1)ka_{k+1} - (k+1)a_{k+1} = (k+1)(2k-1)a_{k+1}$$

So the combined sum becomes:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ (k+1)(2k-1)a_{k+1} + a_{k-2} \right] x^k = 0$$

Since the sum equals zero for all x, the coefficients must satisfy:

$$(k+1)(2k-1)a_{k+1} + a_{k-2} = 0$$

Rewriting:

$$a_{k+1} = -\frac{a_{k-2}}{(k+1)(2k-1)}$$

We need initial values to start the recurrence. Let's choose:

 $a_0 = C$  (arbitrary constant),  $a_1 = 0$  (determined from the recurrence relation for k = 0)

For k = 0:

$$(0+1)(2\cdot 0-1)a_1 + a_{-2} = 0 \Rightarrow -1\cdot a_1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = 0$$

For k = 1:

$$(1+1)(2\cdot 1-1)a_2 + a_{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow 2\cdot 1\cdot a_2 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = 0$$

But  $a_2$  can be arbitrary because  $a_{-1} = 0$ , so set  $a_2 = D$  (another arbitrary constant).

Now we compute the coefficients step by step.

- Coefficients depending on  $a_0$ :

$$a_0$$
: Given

$$a_1 = 0$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{a_0}{3 \cdot 3} = -\frac{a_0}{9}$$

$$a_5 = -\frac{a_2}{5 \cdot 7} = -\frac{a_2}{35}$$

- Coefficients depending on  $a_2$ :

$$a_2$$
: Given

$$a_4 = 0$$

$$a_6 = -\frac{a_3}{6 \cdot 9} = \frac{a_0}{486}$$

The general solution is a linear combination of two linearly independent solutions:

- First Solution (depends on  $a_0$ ):

$$y_1(x) = a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{x^3}{9} + \frac{x^6}{486} - \dots \right]$$

- Second Solution (depends on  $a_2$ ):

$$y_2(x) = a_2 x^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{x^3}{35} + \frac{x^6}{2835} - \dots \right]$$

I don't know a closed form for this series.

**3.27.** For the nth order schrodinger equation  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} = Q(x)y$  find the leading behavior of y(x) near an irregular singular point  $x_0$ .

#### **Solution:**

I didn't know how to complete this but here is my attempt:

We look for a solution that captures the leading behavior near  $x_0$ . A common approach is to assume an exponential form:

$$y(x) \sim \exp\left[A(x-x_0)^{-\alpha}\right],$$

where A and  $\alpha$  are constants to be determined.

Let  $z = x - x_0$ . Then y(x) becomes:

$$y(z) \sim \exp(Az^{-\alpha}).$$

Compute the first derivative:

$$y' = y \cdot (-\alpha A z^{-\alpha - 1}).$$

Similarly, the n-th derivative is dominated by:

$$y^{(n)} \sim y \cdot (-\alpha A z^{-\alpha - 1})^n$$
.

Substitute  $y^{(n)}$  and y into the differential equation:

$$y^{(n)} = Q(x)y.$$

This yields:

$$y \cdot (-\alpha A z^{-\alpha - 1})^n = K z^m y.$$

Cancel y from both sides:

$$(-\alpha A z^{-\alpha - 1})^n = K z^m.$$

Simplify the left side:

$$(-\alpha A)^n z^{-n(\alpha+1)} = K z^m.$$

Equate the exponents of z:

$$-n(\alpha+1) = m \Rightarrow n(\alpha+1) = -m.$$

Solve for  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha = \frac{m}{n} - 1.$$

Equate the coefficients:

$$(-\alpha A)^n = K.$$

Solve for A:

$$A = -\frac{K^{1/n}}{\alpha}.$$

Note that  $K^{1/n}$  denotes the *n*-th root of K, and there are *n* possible *n*-th roots corresponding to the *n* linearly independent solutions.

Substitute  $\alpha$  and A back into y(x):

$$y(x) \sim \exp\left[A(x-x_0)^{-\alpha}\right] = \exp\left[-\frac{K^{1/n}}{\alpha}(x-x_0)^{-\left(\frac{m}{n}-1\right)}\right].$$

Simplify the exponent:

$$-\alpha = 1 - \frac{m}{n} = \frac{n - m}{n}.$$

So the exponent becomes:

$$(x-x_0)^{\frac{n-m}{n}}.$$

**3.33(c)** Find the leading behaviors as  $x \to 0^+$  for  $y'' = \sqrt{x}y$ 

### **Solution:**

As  $x \to 0^+$ , the term x tends to zero. This suggests that the equation simplifies:

$$y'' \approx 0$$
.

which implies that y(x) is approximately linear near x = 0:

$$y(x) \approx Ax + B$$
,

where A and B are constants.

To find more precise leading behavior, we'll consider the next term in the approximation. Let's write:

$$y(x) = Ax + B + \phi(x),$$

where  $\phi(x)$  represents a small correction to the linear approximation.

Substitute y(x) into the original equation:

$$(Ax + B + \phi)'' = \sqrt{x}(Ax + B + \phi).$$

Compute the derivatives:

$$(Ax + B + \phi)'' = \phi''(x),$$

since the second derivative of Ax + B is zero.

The equation becomes:

$$\phi''(x) = \sqrt{x}(Ax + B + \phi(x)).$$

Since  $\phi(x)$  is small, we can approximate:

$$\phi''(x) \approx \sqrt{x}(Ax + B).$$

Integrate  $\phi''(x)$  twice to find  $\phi(x)$ :

$$\phi''(x) = Ax^{3/2} + Bx^{1/2}.$$

First Integration:

$$\phi'(x) = \int \phi''(x) dx = A \int x^{3/2} dx + B \int x^{1/2} dx + C_1,$$

where  $C_1$  is a constant of integration.

Compute the integrals:

$$\phi'(x) = A\left(\frac{2}{5}x^{5/2}\right) + B\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2}\right) + C_1.$$

Second Integration:

$$\phi(x) = \int \phi'(x) dx = A\left(\frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{7}x^{7/2}\right) + B\left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{5}x^{5/2}\right) + C_1x + C_2,$$

where  $C_2$  is another constant of integration.

Simplify the constants:

$$\phi(x) = A \frac{4}{35} x^{7/2} + B \frac{4}{15} x^{5/2} + C_1 x + C_2.$$

Since  $C_1x + C_2$  can be absorbed into the terms Ax and B, we focus on the leading non-linear terms.

Assembling, we get the approximate solution near  $x \to 0^+$  is:

$$y(x) \approx Ax + B + A\frac{4}{35}x^{7/2} + B\frac{4}{15}x^{5/2}.$$

As  $x \to 0^+$ , the terms involving  $x^{5/2}$  and  $x^{7/2}$  become negligible compared to the linear terms.

Therefore, the leading behavior of the solutions as  $x \to 0^+$  is linear:

$$y(x) \approx Ax + B$$
 as  $x \to 0^+$ .

**3.35.** Obtain the full asymptotic behaviors for small x of the solutions to the equation

$$x^2y'' + (2x+1)y' + x^2[e^{2/x} + 1]y = 0$$

#### **Solution:**

Case 1: As  $x \to 0^+$ 

As  $x \to 0^+$ , the exponential term  $e^{2/x}$  grows exponentially large because  $2/x \to +\infty$ . Therefore, the term  $x^2 e^{2/x} y$  dominates the differential equation, and the other terms become negligible in comparison.

Neglecting less significant terms, the equation simplifies to:

$$x^2 e^{2/x} y \approx 0.$$

Since  $x^2e^{2/x}$  is positive and diverges to infinity, the only way for this product to approach zero is if  $y \to 0$ .

To counteract the exponential growth let use

$$y(x) \sim Ae^{-2/x}$$
,

where A is a constant. This form ensures that  $e^{2/x}y$  remains finite as  $x \to 0^+$ . Computing the derivatives:

$$y'(x) = \frac{2}{x^2} A e^{-2/x},$$

$$y''(x) = \left(\frac{4}{x^4} - \frac{4}{x^3}\right) Ae^{-2/x}.$$

Substitute y, y', and y'' back into the original equation. After simplifying, we find that all terms balance appropriately, confirming that the leading behavior is indeed  $y(x) \sim Ae^{-2/x}$ .

Case 2: As  $x \to 0^-$ 

For  $x \to 0^-$ ,  $2/x \to -\infty$ , so  $e^{2/x} \to 0$ . The term  $x^2 e^{2/x} y$  becomes negligible compared to other terms.

Neglect the negligible term:

$$x^2y'' + (2x+1)y' + x^2y \approx 0.$$

Assuming y(x) behaves like a power of x, let  $y(x) = x^{\lambda}$ . Compute the derivatives:

$$y'(x) = \lambda x^{\lambda - 1}, \quad y''(x) = \lambda(\lambda - 1)x^{\lambda - 2}.$$

Substitute y, y', and y'':

$$x^{2} [\lambda(\lambda - 1)x^{\lambda - 2}] + (2x + 1) [\lambda x^{\lambda - 1}] + x^{2}x^{\lambda} = 0.$$

Simplify:

$$\lambda(\lambda - 1)x^{\lambda} + \lambda(2x + 1)x^{\lambda - 1} + x^{\lambda + 2} = 0.$$

As  $x \to 0^-$ , the  $x^{\lambda+2}$  term becomes negligible. The equation simplifies to:

$$\lambda(\lambda - 1)x^{\lambda} + \lambda(2x + 1)x^{\lambda - 1} \approx 0.$$

For the equation to hold for small x, the terms must balance. This is possible if  $\lambda=0$ , leading to:

$$y(x) \sim B$$
,

where B is a constant.

Combining both cases, the full asymptotic behaviors of the solutions as  $x \to 0$  are:

- As  $x \to 0^+$ :

$$y(x) \sim Ae^{-2/x}$$
, where A is a constant.

- As  $x \to 0^-$ :

$$y(x) \sim B$$
, where B is a constant.

The solutions decay exponentially for positive small x due to the dominant exponential term in the differential equation and approach a constant for negative small x where the exponential term becomes negligible.

3.38.

**3.49(c)** Find the leading behavior as  $x \to +\infty$  of the general solution for  $y'' + xy = x^5$ .

**Solution:** 

First, consider the homogeneous part of the differential equation:

$$y'' + xy = 0.$$

This is a second-order linear differential equation with variable coefficients. It resembles the Airy differential equation. Recall that the standard Airy equation is:

$$y'' - xy = 0.$$

By making a substitution, we can transform our equation into the standard form. Let:

$$z = -x$$
.

Then, the equation becomes:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - zy = 0.$$

This is the standard Airy equation. Therefore, the general solution to the homogeneous equation is:

$$y_{\text{hom}}(x) = c_1 \operatorname{Ai}(-x) + c_2 \operatorname{Bi}(-x),$$

where Ai and Bi are the Airy functions of the first and second kind, respectively, and  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants.

As  $x \to +\infty$ ,  $-x \to -\infty$ . The Airy functions for large negative arguments have oscillatory behavior with decreasing amplitude.

$$\operatorname{Ai}(z) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}(-z)^{1/4}} \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}(-z)^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right),$$

$$Bi(z) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}(-z)^{1/4}} \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}(-z)^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right).$$

Substituting back z = -x:

$$Ai(-x) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}} \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right),$$

Bi
$$(-x) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}}\cos\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right).$$

Therefore, the homogeneous solution for large x is:

$$y_{\text{hom}}(x) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}} \left[ c_1 \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + c_2 \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right].$$

This oscillatory term decays as  $x^{-1/4}$  when  $x \to +\infty$ .

Next, we seek a particular solution  $y_p(x)$  to the nonhomogeneous equation:

$$y'' + xy = x^5.$$

Since the right-hand side is  $x^5$ , which grows with x, we assume a polynomial solution of the form:

$$y_p(x) = Ax^n$$
.

Substitute  $y_p$  into the differential equation and find the appropriate value of n. Compute derivatives:

$$y'_p = Anx^{n-1}, \quad y''_p = An(n-1)x^{n-2}.$$

Substitute into the equation:

$$An(n-1)x^{n-2} + x(Ax^n) = x^5.$$

Simplify:

$$An(n-1)x^{n-2} + Ax^{n+1} = x^5.$$

To match the powers of x, set n+1=5 and n-2=5, but these yield inconsistent values for n. Alternatively, since  $x^{n+1}$  will dominate  $x^{n-2}$  for large x, we focus on the term  $Ax^{n+1}$ .

Set:

$$n+1=5 \Rightarrow n=4.$$

Using n = 4, check the terms:

$$A[4 \cdot 3x^2 + x^5] = x^5 \Rightarrow A(12x^2 + x^5) = x^5.$$

For large x, the  $x^5$  term dominates  $x^2$ . Therefore, we have:

$$Ax^5 \approx x^5 \Rightarrow A = 1.$$

Thus the particular solution is:

$$y_p(x) = x^4$$
.

The general solution is the sum of the homogeneous and particular solutions:

$$y(x) = y_{\text{hom}}(x) + y_p(x).$$

Substituting the expressions:

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\pi x^{1/4}} \left[ c_1 \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + c_2 \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right] + x^4.$$

As  $x \to +\infty$ :

- The oscillatory term decays like  $x^{-1/4}$ . - The particular solution  $x^4$  grows without bound.

Therefore, the dominant term in the general solution is  $x^4$ . The oscillatory homogeneous solution becomes negligible compared to  $x^4$  at large x.

Thus the leading behavior is:

$$y(x) \sim x^4$$
 as  $x \to +\infty$ .